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By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of claim 4 (now canceled) and to otherwise better define the invention, claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended to better define the invention, and claim 7 has been canceled. Entry is requested.

In the outstanding Office Action the examiner has rejected claims 1-3 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Saltykov, and he has rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saltykov in view of Killion et al.

These rejections are without merit.

Saltykov discloses a microphone mounted in a faceplate and a cementing layer provided between the face of the microphone and a recess area in the faceplate. A sound duct between an opening in a face of the microphone and a gasket area is not provided.

Because the microphone is cemented directly into the faceplate in Saltykov, the problems associated with this technique when the microphone needs replacement are not solved. By the provision in the present application of a first part of the sound duct which is adhered to the face of the microphone and a second part which comprises a resilient rim along a gasket area, it is ensured that the microphone may easily be lifted out of a faceplate recess for replacement.

Killion discloses a microphone which has a sound duct wherein a gasket is provided; however, the gasket is provided between the microphone and the sound duct part and not at the intersection of the sound duct and the faceplate.

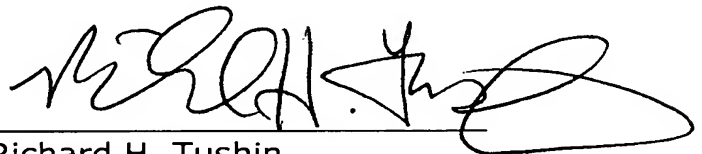
No combination of Killion with Saltykov would provide a microphone suggestive of that defined in applicant's claims.

Favorable reevaluation is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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